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BEGIN SUMMARY: IN JUNE 18 SPEECH ROMULO EXHORTED FILIPINOS TO FOLLOW CHINESE EXAMPLE OF UNITY, DISCIPLINE AND SELF-RELIANT DEVELOPMENT. HE REPEATED THAT RELATIONS WITH PRC DO NOT SIGNIFY THAT GOP IS DRIFTING TOWARD SOCIALISM OR ABANDONING OLD ALLIES. HE SAID THAT CHINESE WERE NOT HISTORICALLY AMBITIOUS FOR CONQUEST IN SEASIA, AND (NOT VERY CONVINCINGLY) EXPLAINED AWAY THEIR "RHETORICAL" SUPPORT FOR WARS OF LIBERATION. IN FACT GOP REMAINS DEEPLY CONCERNED ON LATTER POINT, AS WE WILL EXPLAIN IN FORTHCOMING MESSAGE ON POST-CHINA VISIT REACTION. IN THE MEANTIME ROMULO'S SPEECH IS AN EXAMPLE OF CONTINUING GOP EFFORT TO PUT BEST GLOSS POSSIBLE ON RELATIONS WITH ITS NEW "FRIEND". (TEXT BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT AND INFO ADDRESSEES". END SUMMARY

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1. IN JUNE 18 SPEECH AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB FOREIGN

SECRETARY ROMULO PRESENTED ELABORATE EFFORT TO PUT BEST FACE POSSIBLE ON CHINA AND RELATINS WITH PRC. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS OF THIS NEW LINE:

A. THE PHILIPPINES CAN LEARN FROM CHINA'S EXAMPLE OF SELF-RELIANT DEVELOPMENT. THE CHINESE EXAMPLE TEACHES THE NEED FOR DISCIPLINE, UNITY AND SIMPLICITY. IT ILLUSTRATES THE DANGER OF OVERDEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN COUNTRIES. IF WE IN PHILIPPINES CAN APPROXIMATE CHINESE VIRTUES OF DISCIPLINE, ETC. WHILE BUILDING ON FOUNDATIONS ALREADY LAID DOWN BY PRESIDENT MARCOS, WE TOO, CAN SUCCEED.

B. HISTORICALLY THE CHINESE HAD "NO AMBITION FOR CONQUEST" OF SOUTHERN NEIGHBORS, EXCEPT IN NOTABLE CASE OF VIETNAM. BENIGN TRIBUTARY RELATIONSHIP YIELDED TO "UNHISTORICAL BELLICOSITY" ONLY AFTER KOREAN WAR DURING ERA OF CONTAINMENT POLICY. THIS BELLICOSITY RESULTED FROM "ORDINARY BORDER TROUBLES" WITH ROOTS IN "AMBIGUOUS GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS IMPOSED BY COLONIZING POWERS."

C. CHINA SHOULD BE JUDGED BY ACTIONS NOT BY WORDS. CHINA'S RHETORICAL AGGRESSIVENESS (I.E., SUPPORT FOR SO-CALLED LIBERATION MOVEMENTS) RESULTS FROM TWO FACTORS--RIVALRY WITH SOVIETS AND NEED TO MAINTAIN IDEOLOGICAL LEADERSHIP. CHINA KNOWS FROM HER OWN EXPERIENCE THAT EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE CANNOT HELP PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE REVOLUTION. IN RECOGNITION OF THIS CHINA'S LEADERS CATEGORICALLY ASSURED PRES. MARCOS THAT "CHOICE OF SOCIAL SYSTEM IS OUR OWN SOVEREIGN BUSINESS."

D. OPENING OF RELATIONS WITH CHINA DOES NOT MEAN THAT PHILIPPINES IS CHANGING HER SOCIAL SYSTEM OR ABANDON TIES WITH OLD FRIENDS.

2. COMMENT: ROMULO'S DELICATE TREATMENT OF CHINESE SUPPORT FOR INSURGENCY DOES NOT SOUND VERY CONVINCING, FOR THE VERY GOOD REASON THAT THE GOP APPARENTLY DOES NOT BELIEVE ITS OWN RHETORIC AND REMAINS HIGHLY CONCERNED ON THIS SCORE. WHILE GOP HAS ALLOWED NO PUBLICITY OF CASE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF PRC DIPLOMAT EXPELLED FROM CANADA FOR ALLEGED FUNDING OF PHILIPPINE DISSIDENTS, PRESS HAS BEEN RUNNING A GOOD DEAL OF WIRE SERVICE AND LOCAL COMMENTARY ON THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF CHINESE AND INSURGENCY. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT ROMULO MADE ONLY MARGINAL REFERENCE TO SOVIETS, LEAVING AUDIENCE WITH CORRECT IMPRESSION THAT GOP'S POLICY OF "SIMULTANEOUS NORMALIZATION" IS IN SOME DISARRAY.

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